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SOUTHEAST ALASKA DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the opening of the Southeast Alaska drift gillnet fishery, during the times and in the areas listed below, beginning on Sunday, June 30, 2013.

Section 1-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 30, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 4**, with the following restriction:

Pearse and Portland Canals: will be closed north of the latitude of Akeku Point located at the southern entrance of Edwards Passage.

District 6: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 30, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 3**, with the following restriction:

Section 6-D: will be closed north and east of a line from Mariposa Rock Buoy to the northernmost tip of Point Harrington, to a point on Etolin Island at 56°09.60' N. latitude, 132°42.70' W. longitude, to the southernmost tip of Point Stanhope and south of a line from Point Stanhope to Luck Point.

District 8: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 30, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 3**, with the following restrictions:

Beacon Point/Point Frederick Area: waters of Frederick Sound will be closed west of a line from the District 10 boundary one nautical mile off the Kupreanof Island shoreline to Sukoi Island Light to Point Frederick;

Stikine River: waters off the Stikine River will be closed north and west of a line from Babbler Point to Hour Point along the shore of Wrangell Island to Point Highfield to the southern end of Liesnoi Island to the southern end of Greys Island to the small island near the eastern entrance of Blind Slough to the nearest point of Mitkof Island, and south and east of a line from the prominent point of Mitkof Island nearest Coney Island to the northern end of Coney Island to a point 500 yards north of Jap Creek on the mainland shore.

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 30, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 3**, with the following restriction:

Port Snettisham: waters of Port Snettisham will be closed east of a line from Point Styleman to Point Anmer.

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 30, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 3**, in the waters of Lynn Canal west of a line beginning at a point within two nautical miles of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal at the latitude of Point Sherman, to Eldred Rock Light, to the southernmost tip of Talsani Island, to the northernmost tip of Talsani Island, to Seduction Point, with the following restriction:

Chilkat Inlet: will be closed north of a line from a regulatory marker at Glacier Point at 59°06.02' N. latitude, 135°22.97' W. longitude to the westernmost tip of Twin Coves at 59°06.58' N. latitude, 135°21.70' W. longitude.

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 30, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 3**, in those waters within two nautical miles of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal south of the latitude of Danger Point at 58°41.73' N. latitude and in all remaining waters of Section 15-C south of the latitude of Point Bridget.

Section 15-C: (Boat Harbor terminal harvest area): will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 30, until further notice in those waters within two nautical miles of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal from the latitude of Danger Point at 58°41.73' N. latitude and south to a point 2.4 nautical miles north of Point Whidbey.

Fishermen and tenders are asked to keep king salmon harvested in the Anita Bay THA separate from those harvested in District 8. Separating these harvests will greatly assist in fish accounting purposes in regards to the Pacific Salmon Treaty.

Current Chilkoot Lake sockeye salmon weir counts are poor. Conservation measures have been in place to boost escapement of this stock. The department may impose a 6" minimum mesh size gear restriction in Section 15-C in Statistical Week 28 if poor escapement continues for Chilkoot Lake sockeye salmon.

King salmon less than 28" that are harvested in the commercial drift gillnet fisheries may be retained and sold. King salmon less than 28" in length, and those of Alaska hatchery origin, will not be counted against the Alaskan allocation of the Pacific Salmon Treaty harvest. The department discontinued the use of species code 411 beginning in 2012 to account for small king salmon in drift gillnet fisheries and instead will rely on ADF&G port sampling programs for that purpose. For drift gillnet fisheries, only species code 410 should be used to report king salmon of all sizes. Fish and Game samplers working at the processing facilities will also identify hatchery-reared king salmon so those fish are not counted against the Alaskan share of the harvest.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S2013.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 26 (June 23 through 29)
Preliminary Estimates Compiled June 27, 2013

District	NUMBER OF SALMON						Boats	Days Open
	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total		
Section 1-B	700	13,000	2,000	2,000	30,000	47,700	60	4
District 6	200	7,500	5,000	5,500	5,000	23,200	45	3
District 8	4,500	5,300	500	50	600	10,950	42	3
District 11	350	7,700	25	20	65,000	73,095	40	4
District 15	178	7,300	30	1,200	300,000	308,708	160	3
Deep Inlet THA	750	30	30	0	19,000	19,810	20	3
Total	6,678	40,830	7,585	8,770	419,600	483,463		

District	FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD						Total
	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	
Section 1-B	12	217	33	33	500	795	
District 6	4	167	111	122	111	516	
District 8	107	126	12	1	14	261	
District 11	9	193	1	1	1,625	1,827	
District 15	1	46	0	8	1,875	1,929	
Deep Inlet THA	38	2	2	0	950	991	

Anita Bay THA: cumulative harvest of 8,000 king salmon.

Nakat Inlet THA: cumulative harvest of 5,000 chum salmon.

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